

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 60

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Brigadier General Noah Daniel of Dickson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Brigadier General Noah Daniel; and

WHEREAS, General Daniel was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), then known as Middle Tennessee State College, Noah Daniel married his high school sweetheart, Alicia, while still in college, and the two started a family with the birth of their first child, Gary Neil Daniel, on Christmas day of 1958; and

WHEREAS, a member of the ROTC at MTSU, Noah Daniel graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate in 1959 before he was commissioned to serve two years of active duty as a 2nd Lieutenant with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, after completing his active duty assignment, he joined the Tennessee Army National Guard as a First Lieutenant with the Medical Unit at Dickson; he remained active in the National Guard for the next thirty-four years; and

WHEREAS, General Daniel went on to earn his master's degree in Administration and Supervision from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, he coached and taught at Charlotte High School before replacing F.D. Bennett as the Principal there; and

WHEREAS, when Dickson County consolidated its high schools in 1972 into Dickson County High School, General Daniel was promoted to the position of Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, a position he held until 1979; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, he became the Attendance and Adult Education Supervisor for the Dickson County Schools and made history in 1985 when he became Dickson County's first superintendent to be elected rather than appointed; and

WHEREAS, General Noah Daniel was re-elected in 1988 and took his much-deserved retirement in 1990, having served the Dickson County Schools with acumen for thirty-one years; and

WHEREAS, a man dedicated to every endeavor he undertook, General Daniel accepted a full-time position with the Tennessee Army National Guard, following his retirement from education, as a Troop Command Commander during the first Gulf War, and he retired as Brigadier General in 1995 after more than thirty-six years of service; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 1995, he was inducted into the Military Hall of Fame at MTSU; and

WHEREAS, in January of 1996, General Daniel was recommended by the Governor and appointed by the national director to be the Director of the Selective Service System for the State of Tennessee, and in February of 2003 he retired from this position, marking his third retirement after a history of noteworthy service and devotion; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2000, TriStar Bank, the first new bank to be chartered in Dickson County in forty-five years, opened, with General Noah Daniel as one of its directors; General Daniel was elected as the board chairman in 2003; and

WHEREAS, aside from his incredible influence in athletics, education, administration, the military, and the community of Dickson County, Noah Daniel was the dedicated father of four children, Gary Neil, Christiana "Christy", Wade Jerome, and Maria Rose Daniel, by whom he will be sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Alicia Daniel; and

WHEREAS, during his thirty-six years of military service, General Daniel was recognized through many medals and commendations, including the prestigious Legion of Merit Medal, the

Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Service Award from the Selective Service System, and the Tennessee Army National Guard Commendation Ribbon, among several other longevity medals; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2008, the drill hall at Dickson's National Guard Armory was dedicated in General Noah Daniel's honor; and

WHEREAS, this superlative General, teacher, administrator, and father won the hearts of many, was deeply devoted to his family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Brigadier General Noah Daniel, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and stalwart dedication to living life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of General Daniel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.